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Application Number	09/805,240
Filing Date	March 14, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kambara et al.
Art Unit	1623
Examiner Name	Lewis, P.T.
Attorney Docket Number	HIRA.0011

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on FEB 23 2004
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
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b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the any additional fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1480
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ii. ☐ One-month extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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COVER LETTER

Sir:

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Total Claims	23	23	⁶ (Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	5	5	³ (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
TOTAL					0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)

[] Substitute Specification & marked-up copy

[] Preliminary Amendment

[] Other _____

[x] RCE

[] Terminal Disclaimer

[] Letter to Draftsperson

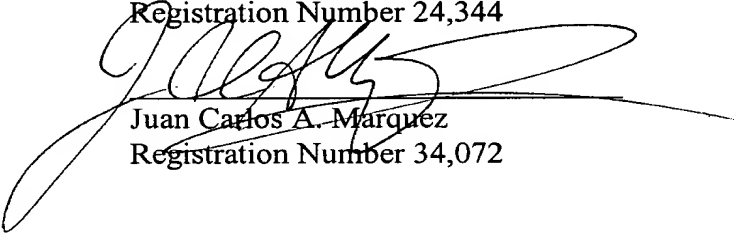
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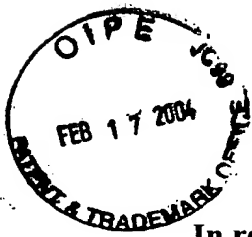
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated November 17, 2003, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on February 17, 2004. Please amend the above identified application as follows: